

Know Me

NAME **Seth**

PASSION **Ohio State**

My Story

From Seth:

My name is Seth and I am 43 years old. I have Downs Syndrome, which means I am a special person. I live in Hartville with three roommates and my Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) providers Matt and Nicole. I love living here and I like to keep my house neat and clean. The house is out in the country, it's nice and quiet, and I hope to live here forever.

I love spending time with my family. I have a sister named Abbey and we like to go watch my niece Rowan when she has dance recitals. I go on a lot of trips with my mom Dottie, and this year we went to Pigeon Forge in Tennessee. When we were there we went to Dollywood and got to see the Stampede horse show. We also like to go shopping, and I love going to Big Lots to shop for new clothes. Every year I go to Bear Creek camp, and my favorite activities are fishing and making ice cream.

I have been working at Papa Bear's restaurant for 22 years and I love working hard every day. I help bus tables, clean off chairs, fold towels, and put out silverware for customers. Sometimes I am the greeter and welcome people coming in. I am happy to work there and help everybody get the job done. I have a job coach who helps me learn new jobs and makes sure I have everything I need to be successful. My managers and co-workers are good people, and every year they throw me a birthday party. They call it "Seth's Big Birthday Bash" and my family and friends come to the party room and have pizza and cake. They even get me a t-shirt with my name and age on the back. I hope I can always work at Papa Bear's, and someday I want to be a manager so I can have my own office and a secretary. Joe Albert also featured me as a **Characters of Canton** in 2015.

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After work I go to the YMCA to workout and keep my body strong. I like lifting weights and also enjoy sports. I'm a huge Ohio State fan, and love going to Lake High School to watch football and baseball games. I used to get to sit on the bench with the team and hand out towels. I can't do that right now because of COVID, but I hope to be able to do it again soon.

I like doing Special Olympics, and I used to do swimming, but now I like bowling. I play on the Special Olympics competition league, and my providers Matt and Nicole take us duckpin bowling in Columbus which is even more fun. I like going to outdoor places like Hocking Hills to go hiking, and I collect rocks and bring them home and polish them. I keep my collection on a shelf in my living room for everyone to look at.

Dan Kinsinger, Stark DD Service and Support Administrator (SSA) said about Seth:

“Seth is a pleasure to be around. He’s a genuinely happy person and always greets you with an inviting smile. He’s definitely a “people person”, which along with his 22 years of service has helped him become an institution at Papa Bear’s. Anyone who dines at the restaurant knows who Seth is. The supports Seth receives through his Medicaid HCBS waiver, including reliable transportation and on the job support, help ensure Seth’s continued success as a valued employee. Of course the remarkable team of managers and employees Seth works with every day also contribute greatly to his success, and it’s easy to understand why Seth loves working for Papa Bear’s so much.”



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